



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

## BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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## BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes of May 15, 2013

The meeting of the Cambridge Election Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Election Commission office at 51 Inman Street. Present were Commissioner Ethridge King, *Chair*, Commissioner Polyxane Cobb, Commissioner Peter Sheinfeld, Commissioner Larry Ward, Executive Director Tanya Ford, Assistant Director Lesley Waxman, Michael Muehe, Commission for Persons with Disabilities, and members of the public, Ethan Cobb and Richard Clarey.

### MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of April 30, 2013

Moved: Commissioner Shinefeld

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

The Motion passed: 4-0

### REPORTS

#### Executive Director's Report (see attached)

The Executive Director requested the Board vote to allow the disposal of unvoted ballots from the April 30, 2013 primary Senatorial election pursuant to MGL c. 54, Section 109 on or after May 30, 2013.

Motion: To approve the disposal of unvoted ballots from the April 30, 2013 primary Senatorial election pursuant to MGL c. 54, Section 109 on or after May 30, 2013.

Moved: Commissioner Sheinfeld

Seconded: Commissioner King

The Motion passed: 4-0

The Executive Director stated that because of the several elections this Spring, it has been necessary to hire temporary employees to complete the work on preparing the City Census for printing. She said that the Board should discuss what photograph to use for the cover.

Commissioner Cobb suggested that we ask Ini Tomeu if we can use one of the photographs she took at the City Hall event on the May 6<sup>th</sup> to honor the first responders from Cambridge who were involved in the action on April 19<sup>th</sup>, regarding the search for the Marathon bombing suspects. By consensus, the Board agreed that the Executive Director should make that request.

### Assistant Director's Report

The Assistant Director reported the number of Statement of Financial Interests (SFI) forms mailed was adjusted to 170 city officials and persons conducting business with the city for the 2012 calendar year on April 29<sup>th</sup> because the City Manager noted that six names were improperly on the list. A total of 78 of the 170 mailed have been returned as of this date.

### Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Cobb reported that on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, she accompanied the voted and unvoted ballots from the Senatorial primary to the vault.

Commissioner Sheinfeld reported that 322 Franklin Street, #103 is an invalid address.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Clarey of 15 Brookford Street discussed his concerns about the accessibility of the Graham & Parks school for persons with disabilities based on his experience driving voters who are elderly and use walkers to the precinct to vote on the Senatorial primary election. Ethridge King, Polyxane Cobb, and Michael Muehe, who graciously agreed to accompany the Commissioners, will inspect the precinct to determine if its accessibility can be enhanced.

Michael Muehe of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities discussed his concerns about the placement of AutoMark machines in various precincts. He asked that the Commission stress to Wardens and Clerks that the screens on the machines be oriented in such a way that the voter can be assured of privacy while voting. The Commissioners expressed their hope that Mr. Muehe would attend the training sessions for Wardens and Clerks in June to discuss this issue with Wardens and Clerks and he agreed to do so.

### ACTION AGENDA

#### Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

#### New Business

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 8:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Avenue.

There was no additional new business.

Motion: To adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Moved: Commissioner Cobb

Seconded: Commissioner King

The Motion passed: 4-0

A True Record

Attested by:

  
Polyxane S. Cobb, Secretary